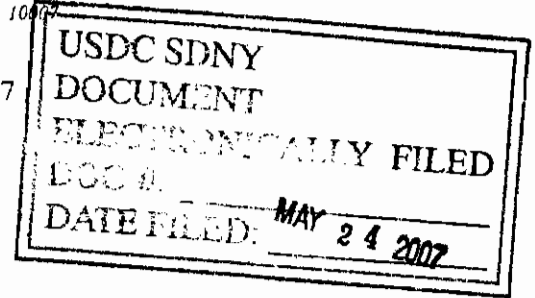




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By FacsimileThe Honorable George B. Daniels
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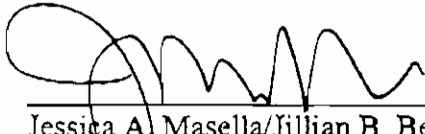
Dear Judge Daniels:

The Indictment in the above-referenced case was returned by the Grand Jury and assigned to Your Honor this week. Based on the parties' and the Court's availability, the Court has scheduled an initial pretrial conference for June 21, 2007, at which time the defendants will be arraigned. Between now and June 21, 2007, the Government intends to produce discovery in this matter. Accordingly, the Government requests an exclusion of time under the Speedy Trial Act, from today until June 21, 2007. Such an exclusion is in the interests of justice as it will allow the defendants to receive and begin reviewing discovery. We have spoken with counsel for each of the defendants, and they do not object to the requested exclusion of time. Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

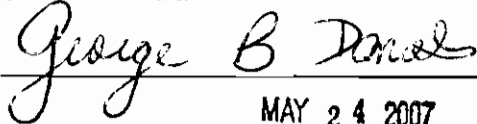
Respectfully,

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SO ORDERED:



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